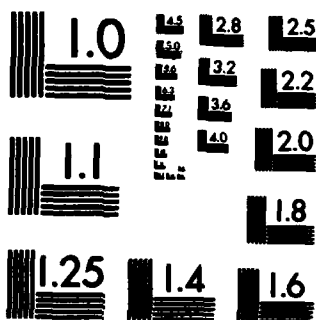END
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Base pressure measurements were obtained on an axisymmetric projectile
shape with and without a boattail. The tests were conducted in a transonic
wind tunnel at Mach numbers of 0.91, 0.94, 0.96, 0.98, 1.10, and 1.20. Data
were obtained at angles of attack of 0, 2, 4, 6, and 10 degrees and at
circumferential positions around the model in 22.5° increments. Results were
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A theoretical and experimental research program has been underway in the Launch and Flight Division of the Ballistic Research Laboratory in recent years to provide the capability of predicting projectile aerodynamics. A transonic wind tunnel test was conducted in support of this program and most of the test results were reported in Reference 1, but base pressure results were not included. Reference 1 reports surface pressure measurements, aerodynamic force and moment data obtained from integration of the pressures, and also some computational results. The present report contains primarily the base pressure results. Recent computational efforts, including the projectile base region, have indicated that the base pressure measurements were of more importance than originally judged. Reference 2 describes the time-dependent Navier-Stokes computational technique for computing projectile flow fields including the base region. While the experimental results are influenced by the presence of a sting, this is not a serious limitation for evaluation of a computational code since the sting can be readily modeled in the computation.

II. EXPERIMENT

The model geometry for the ogive-cylinder-boattail (SOCBT) configuration is shown in Figure 1; the model has a 3-caliber secant-ogive, a 2-caliber cylinder, and a 1-caliber, 7° boattail. The ogive-cylinder (SOC) model is identical except that the 7° boattail is replaced by a cylindrical section; the SOC is, therefore, a 3-caliber secant ogive, 3-caliber cylinder model. All pressure tubing was connected to one Scanivalve which was located in a large sting section. The base pressure was measured with a single pressure tap consisting of a stainless steel tube running along the top of the sting and into the base region as shown in Figure 1. The pressure tube was 0.8mm outside diameter and the orifice was positioned approximately 2mm from the base. As a result of this setup, all base pressure measurements for the SOC were taken at 34.0% of the base radius and at 44.0% of the base radius for the SOCBT. The roll orientation of the model is defined so that $\phi = 0°$ when the pressure orifice is on the windward side of the model. When the model is at positive angle of attack, $\phi = 0°$ indicates that the pressure tap is on the bottom (6 o'clock) and the positive direction of ϕ is clockwise when looking upstream at the base.

The tests were conducted in the Langley Research Center 8-foot Transonic Pressure Tunnel which has a Mach number range of 0 to 1.30. The test section

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is 2.16 × 2.16 m square with filleted corners and the top and bottom walls have four slots each as shown in Figure 2.

The test procedure for the boattail configuration was to obtain data at all angles of attack for a given roll orientation, the model was then rolled 22.5° and data were again recorded for the angle-of-attack range. This sequence was followed until all data were recorded for a given Mach number. The Mach number was then changed and the above procedure repeated. Because of an equipment problem, a slightly different procedure was used for the SOC part of the test program. The model was set at a given roll orientation and the data were recorded at the various angles of attack and then the Mach number was changed. After all data were recorded for a given roll angle, the tunnel was shut down and the roll orientation was manually changed. The supply pressure was maintained at approximately one atmosphere and the supply temperature at approximately 322 K for all tests. These conditions yielded model length Reynolds numbers of 4.5 to 4.7 million for the Mach numbers tested.

III. RESULTS

The base pressure coefficients, for a given angle of attack, were averaged over the range of roll angles and are presented in tabulated form in Table 2. Base pressure coefficients at discrete roll positions are presented in Table 3.

The experimental data points of Figures 3 and 4 are at 22.5° intervals and connected with straight lines - symbols are excluded for clarity. Base pressure for the SOC shape are shown in Figures 3a, b, and c. There is seen to be a moderate variation of pressure coefficient with roll angle and the lowest base pressure occurs at the highest angle of attack. Although it may not be readily apparent, figures 3a and b show the Mach 0.91 to 0.98 to be nearly identical. The Mach 1.10 and 1.20 data are qualitatively similar to the Mach 0.91-0.98 data, but the base pressures (and coefficients) are seen to be substantially lower. For the SOC shape, the base area is equal to the reference area and therefore, the base axial force is equal to the negative of the base pressure coefficient. The base axial force is therefore seen to vary from approximately 0.1 to 0.2 for the Mach 0.91-0.98 data and 0.2 to 0.3 for the Mach 1.10-1.20 data. A positive base axial force is in the downstream direction which is the same direction as a positive forebody axial force.

Base pressure data for the SOCBT shape are shown in Figures 4a, b and c. Results for the Mach 0.91-0.98 range are qualitatively similar and the lowest base pressure is seen to again occur at the highest angle of attack; also there is substantial variation with Mach number as opposed to that for the SOC shape. From Mach 0.98 to 1.10, the base pressure coefficient is seen to decrease by a substantial amount. An interesting aspect of the SOCBT base pressure is that, for the Mach 0.91-0.98 range, a substantial number of the base pressure coefficients are positive which indicates a negative base axial force or a net thrust. For the SOCBT shape, the base area is smaller than the reference area (cylindrical cross section area) and the base axial force coefficient can be expressed as follows;

$$C_{A_b} = -C_{p_b} A_b / A_{cyl}.$$

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The area ratio, A_b/A_{cyl}, for the SOCBT is 0.569.

The base pressure data were algebraicly averaged over nine values of the roll angle and assuming that each pressure value applied to a 22.5° segment of the base except for $\phi = 0°$ and 180° values which applied to a 11.25° segment; results are shown in Figures 5a and 5b. Figure 5a shows the base pressure coefficient for the SOC configuration and illustrates, as stated above, that there is practically no variation for the Mach 0.91 to 0.98 range. There is a large change in pressure level between Mach 0.98 and 1.10 which indicates a critical behavior and the need for more data in that Mach number range. Figure 5b shows the base pressure data for the boattailed configuration (SOCBT). There is a consistent increase in the base pressure from Mach 0.91 to Mach 0.98 and then a sharp decrease in pressure from Mach 0.98 to 1.10 similar to that for the SOC. Many of the coefficients are positive in the Mach 0.91-0.98 range which yields a negative axial force (thrust) as previously indicated. These results are believed to be reasonable and will be discussed in more detail below.

Figure 6 shows the longitudinal variation of axial force over the boattailed configuration. The experimental results are from the test program described in Reference 1. The Mach 0.91 data are compared to a Navier-Stokes computation by Nietubicz[3] which was carried out on a Cray computer. This figure shows a generally small forebody axial force and along with Figure 5a, shows that the base provides the majority of drag for the SOC. Comparison of Figures 5a and 5b show that the boattailed configuration has a much smaller base drag but Figure 6 shows that the boattail produces a substantial drag. Generally, however, the net effect of boattailing is to reduce the total drag.

Base pressure coefficients were converted to base axial force coefficients and are presented in Figure 7 along with results from References 2, 4, and 5. The Navier-Stokes computations, References 2 and 4, were for the same body shapes described in Figure 1 except that the computations did not include the presence of a model support sting. For both shapes (SOC and SOCBT), the experimental data and the computational results show the same qualitative behavior. The computations also show a negative base axial force (thrust) for Mach numbers 0.94, 0.96, and 0.98. Sykes[5] obtained base pressure measurements on a wind tunnel model which was supported with side struts attached towards the front of the model. Sykes's results support the general findings of the current experiment and the computations although his forebody shape is slightly different than that of the SOC. He obtained results for boattail lengths of 0.5 and 1.0 caliber and for boattail angles of 0, 3, 6, and 9°. Sykes

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found that base pressure coefficient increases with increasing boattail angle and also increases with increasing boattail length. Positive base pressure coefficients (negative base axial force coefficients) were obtained for a one caliber boattail with boattail angles greater than 6°, and for a one-half caliber boattail with angles greater than approximately 7.8°. Sykes's data for a 0° boattail and a 7° boattail (interpolated) at Mach 0.954 are shown in Figure 7 and are seen to be very close to results of the present experiment and to the computations of Reference 2 and Reference 4.

Figure 8 shows the axial force coefficients for the SOC and SOCBT which include the forebody and boattail components from Reference 1 and the base pressure components from the present report. This figure shows that net effect of boattailing is to reduce overall drag but it is also interesting to note that the net reduction is much smaller than the difference in the base axial force coefficients shown in Figure 7.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

1.   Positive base pressure coefficients (negative drag) can sometimes occur on a boattailed projectile shape. In the present experiment, this occurred only for the boattailed configuration at Mach numbers of 0.91 to 0.98.

2.   Base drag, for the SOC and SOCBT shapes, increases with increasing angle of attack for the angle-of-attack range tested which was 0 to 10°.

3.   There are large changes in the base pressure coefficient between Mach number 0.98 to 1.10; these large changes suggest that further investigation is needed in this narrow Mach number range.

BASE PRESS TAP

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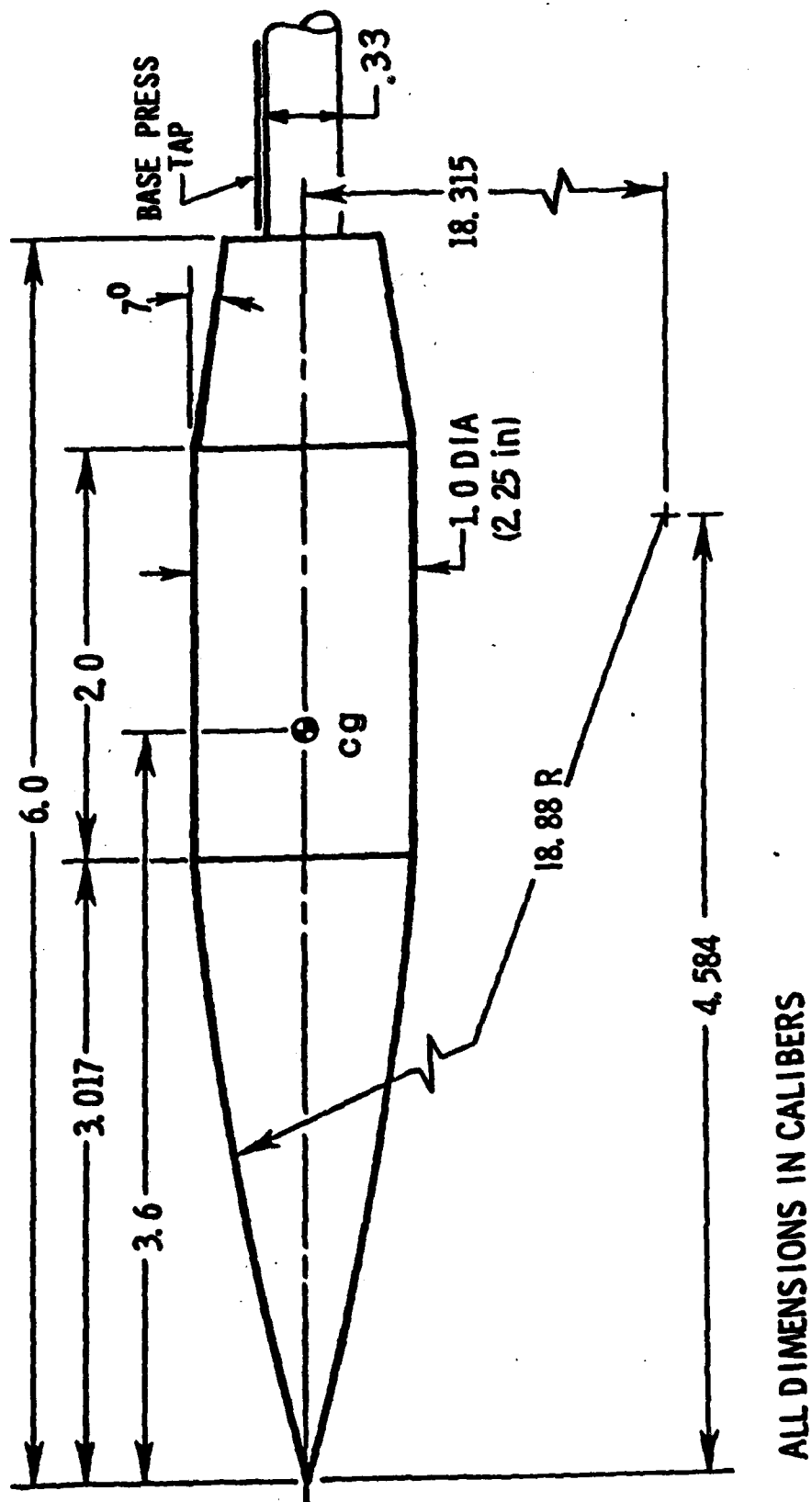
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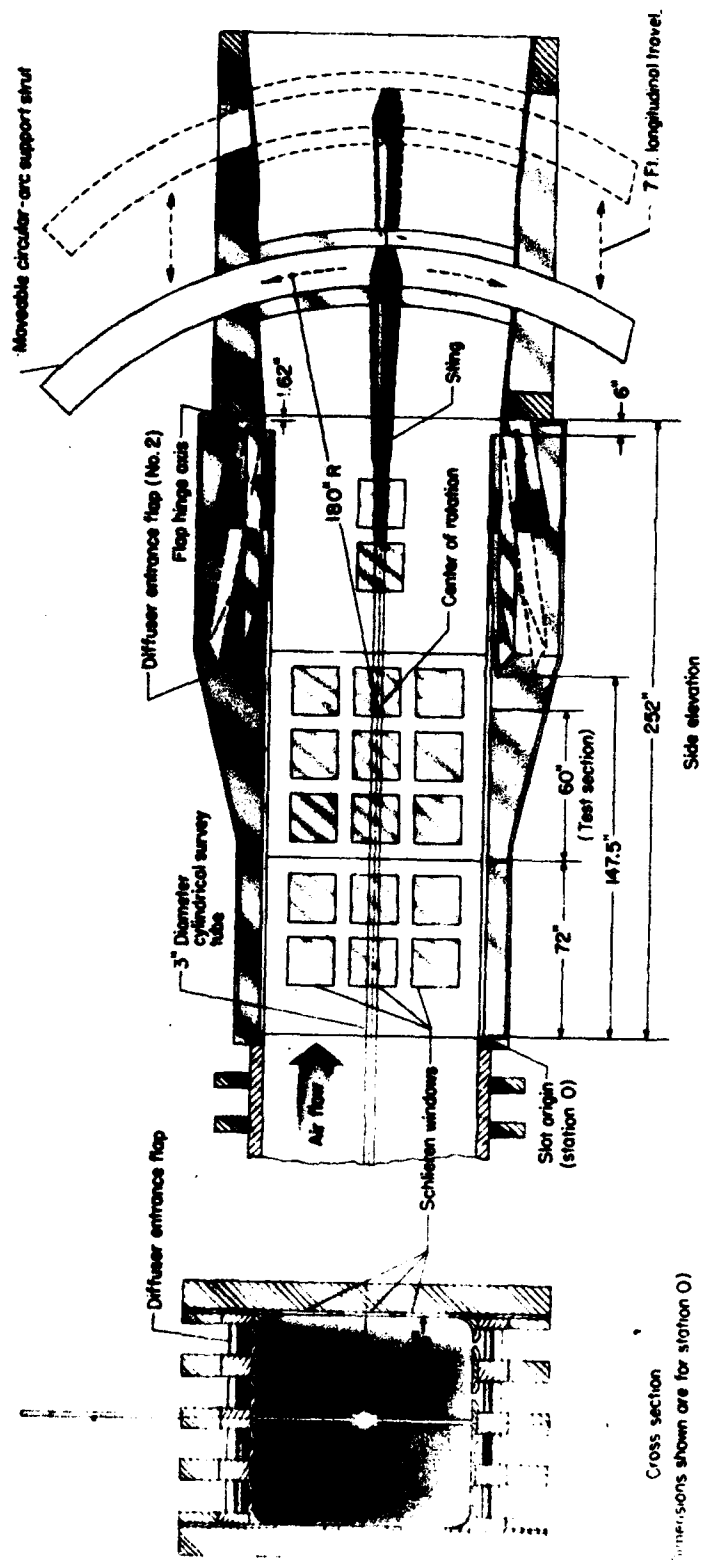
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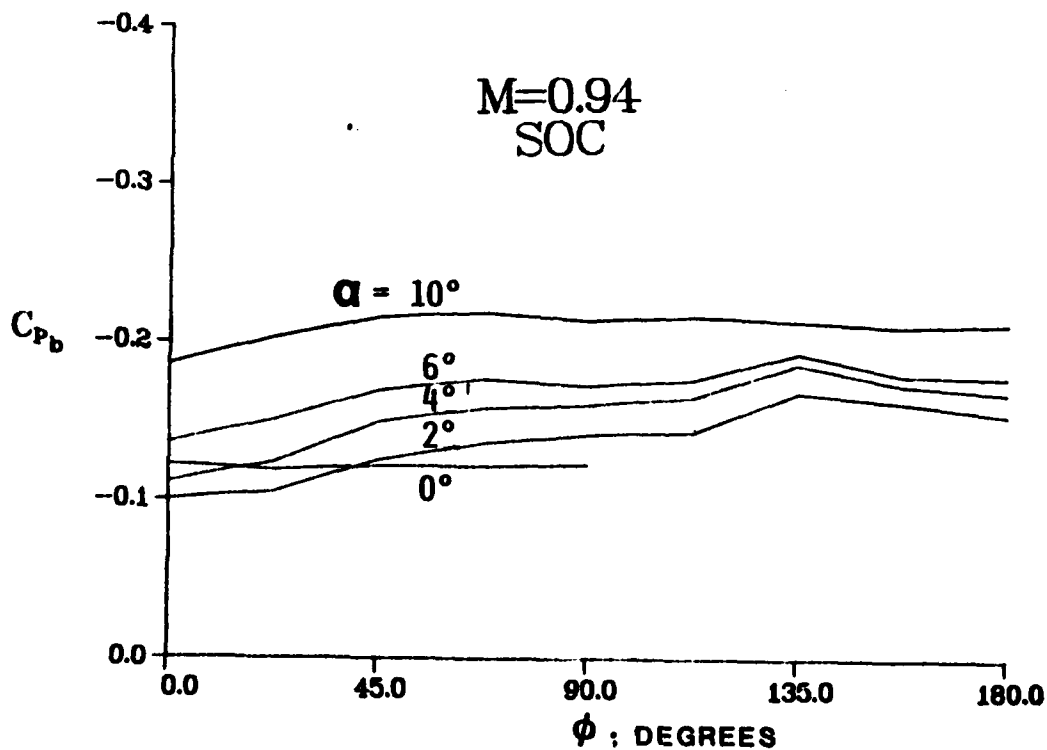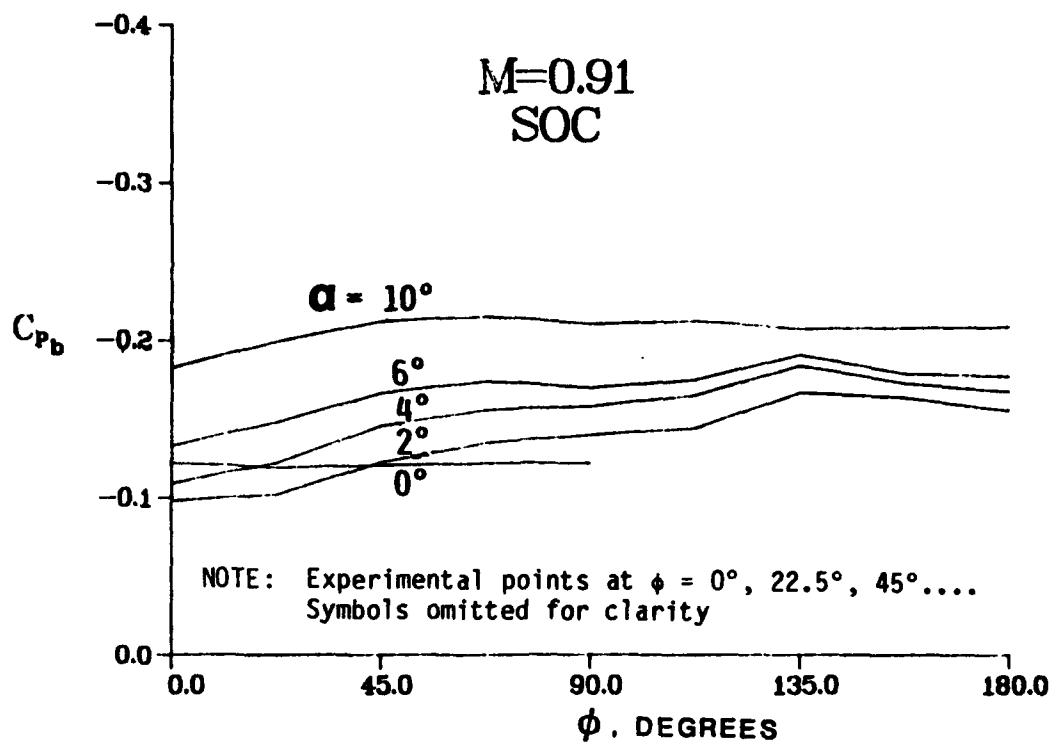
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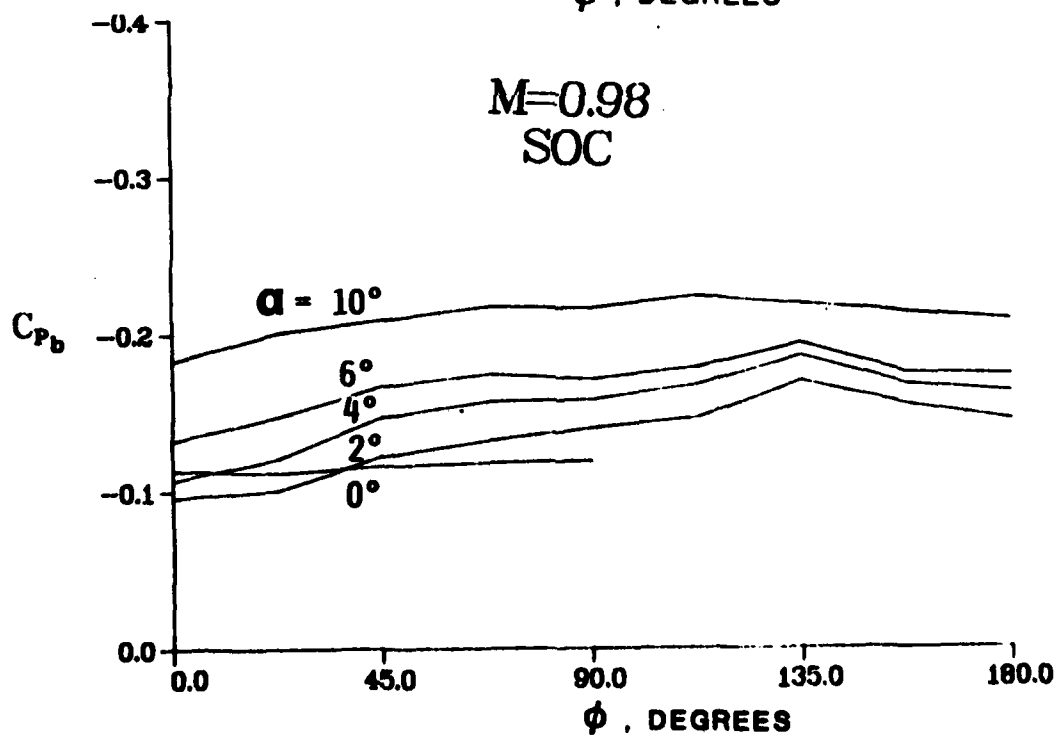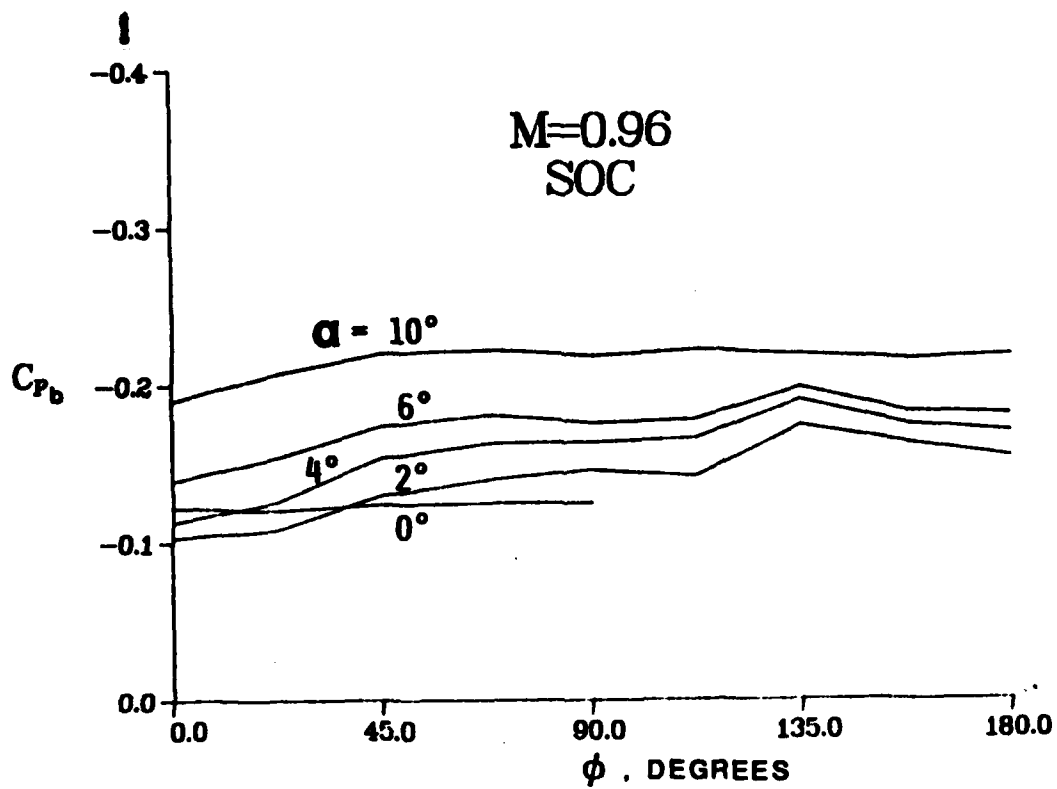
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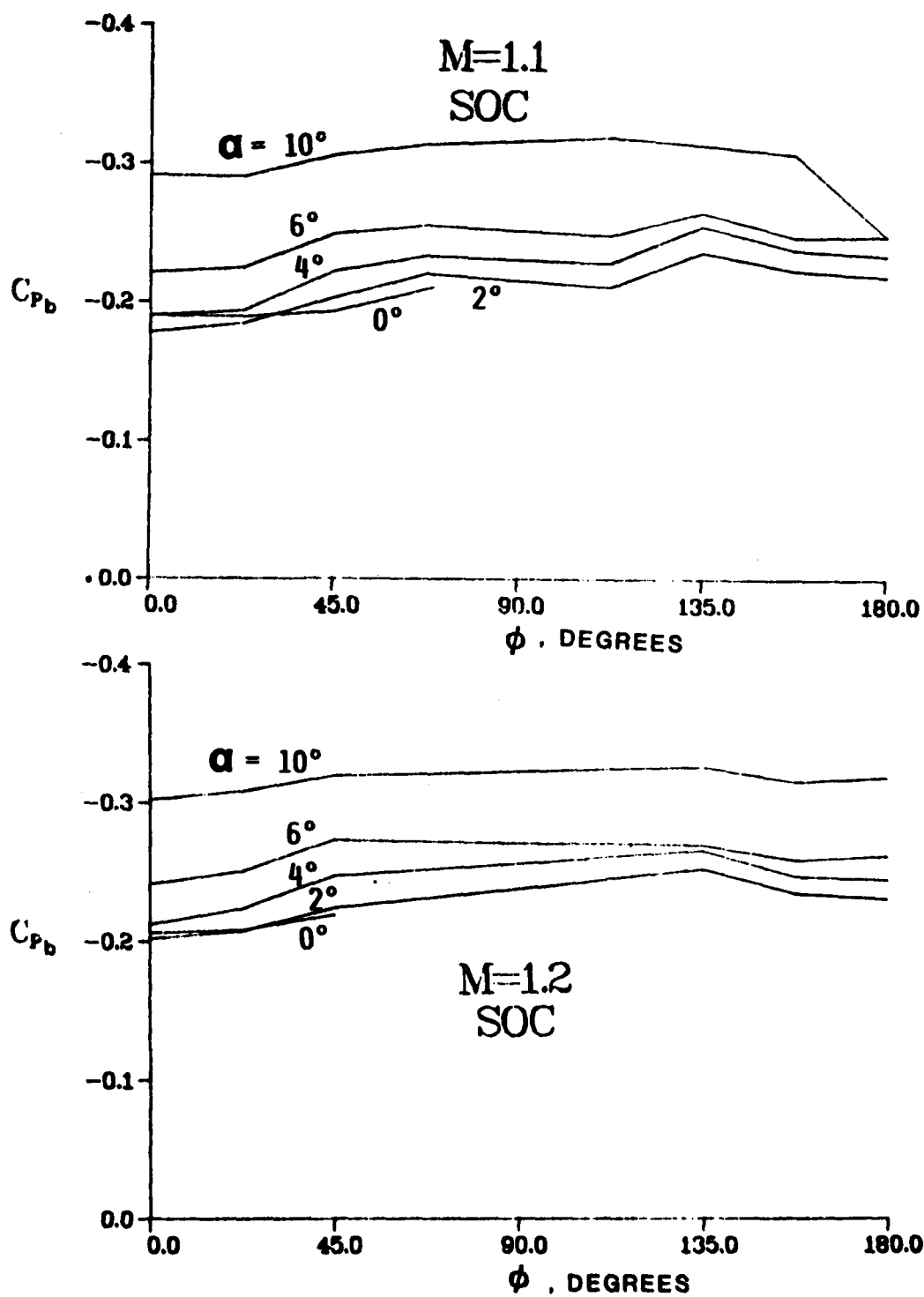
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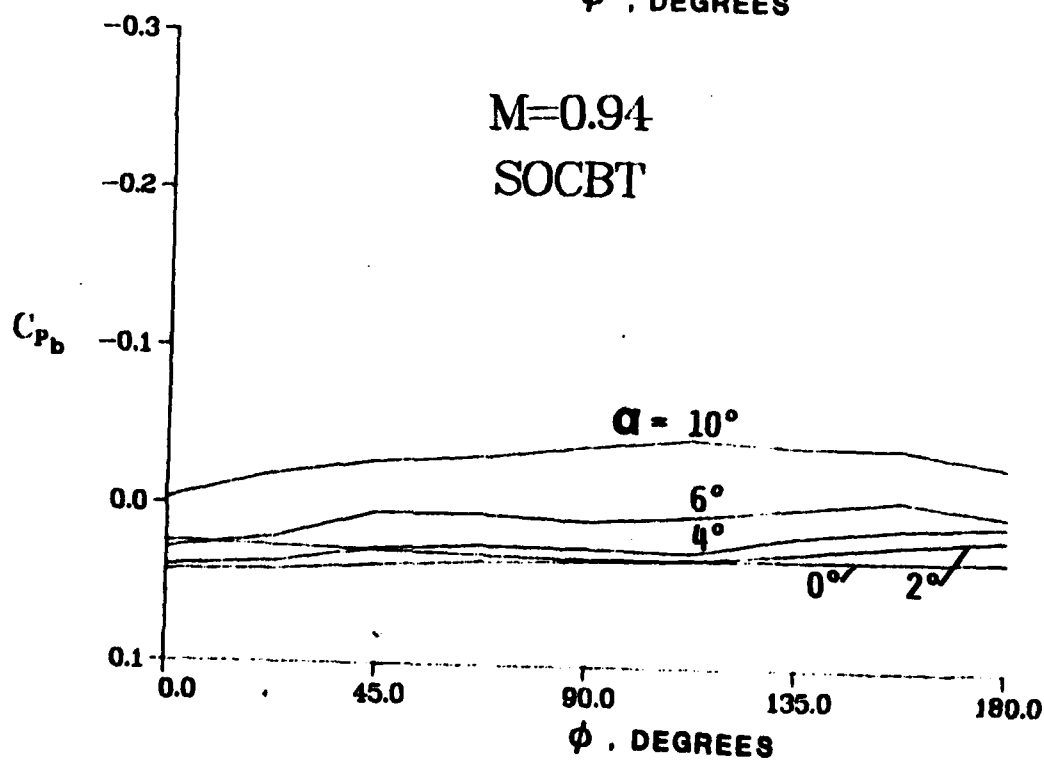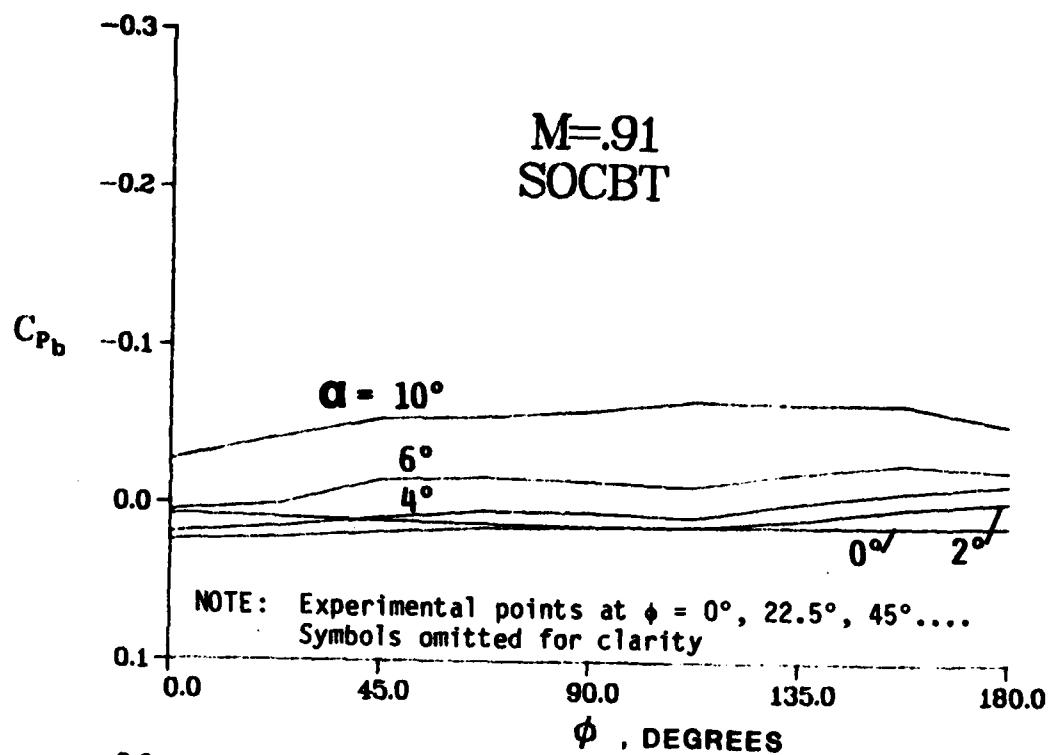
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a. M - 0.91, 0.94

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M=0.96
SOCBT

M=0.98
SOCBT
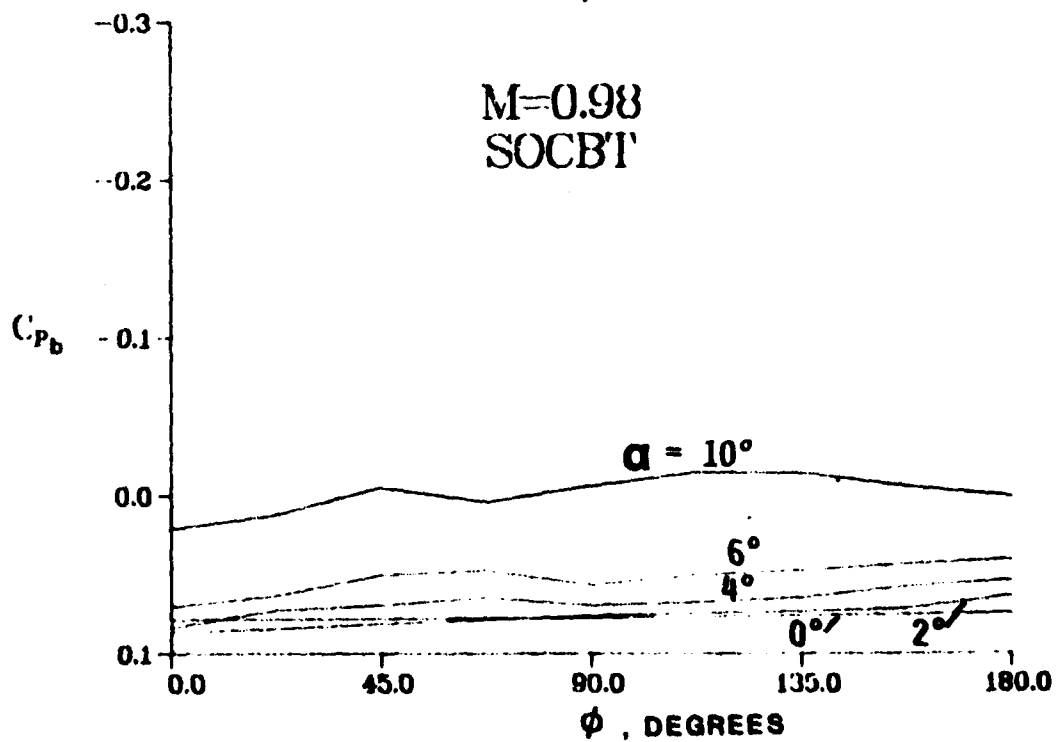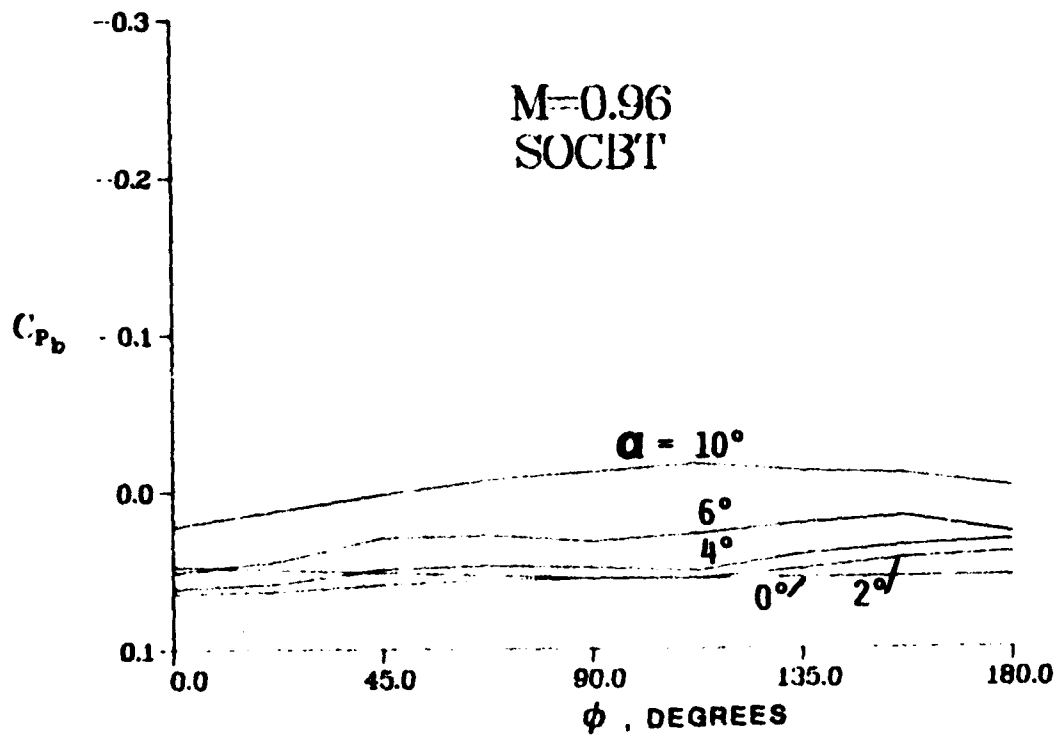
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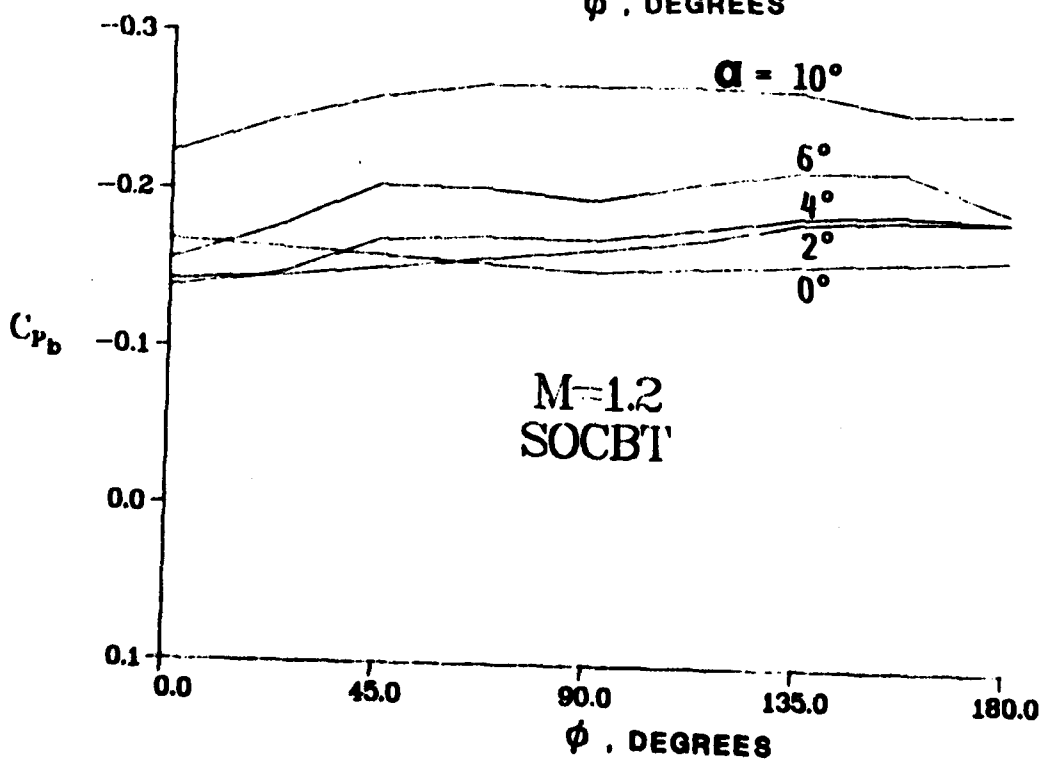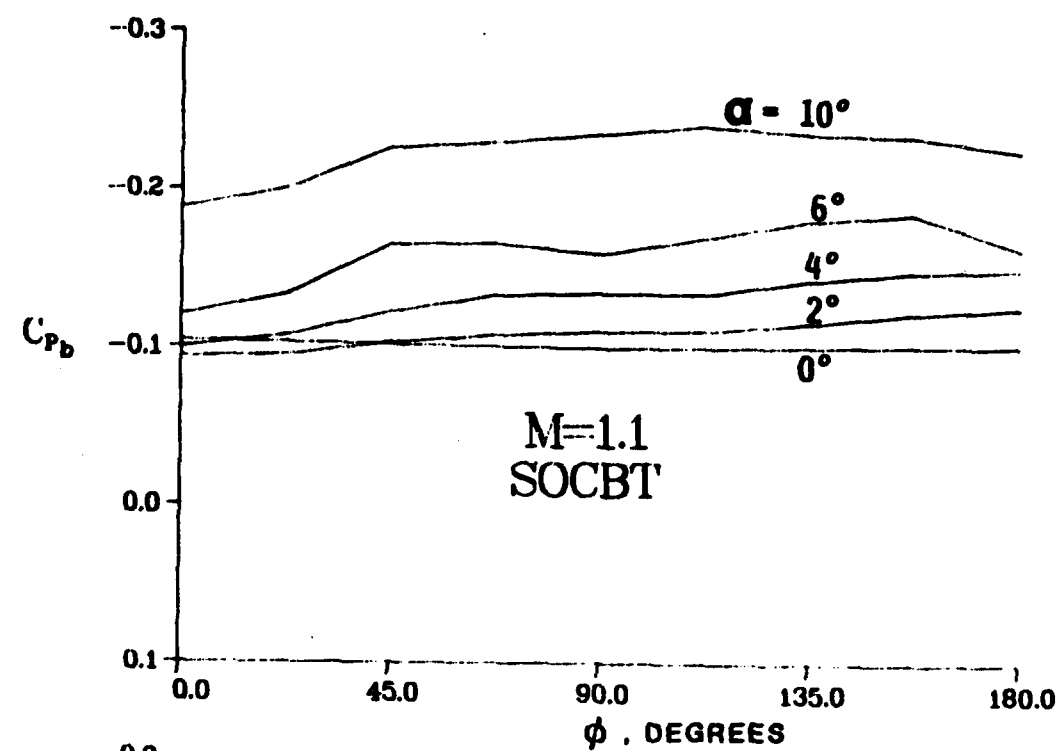
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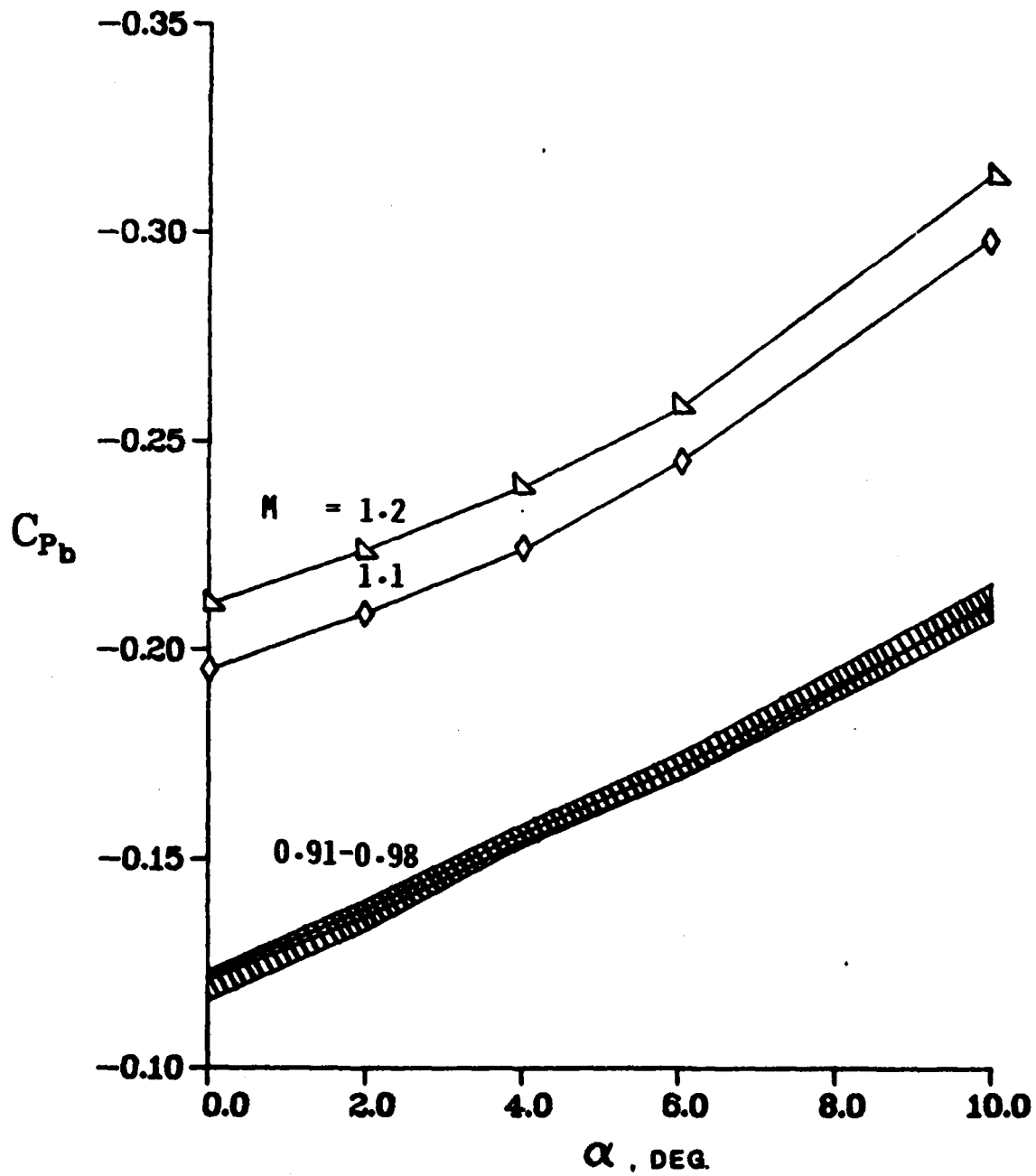
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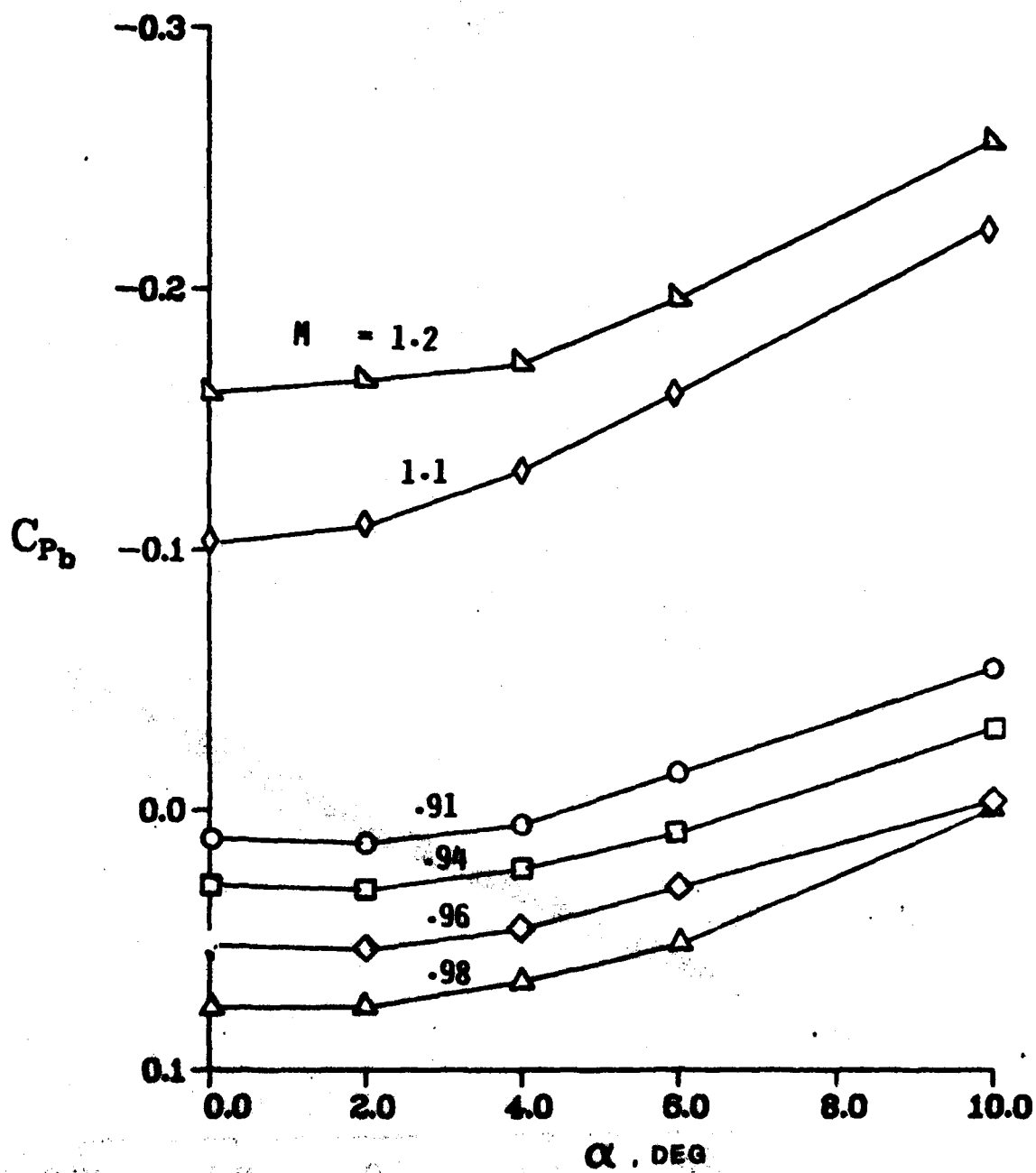
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b. SOCBT

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SOCBT, α = 2°

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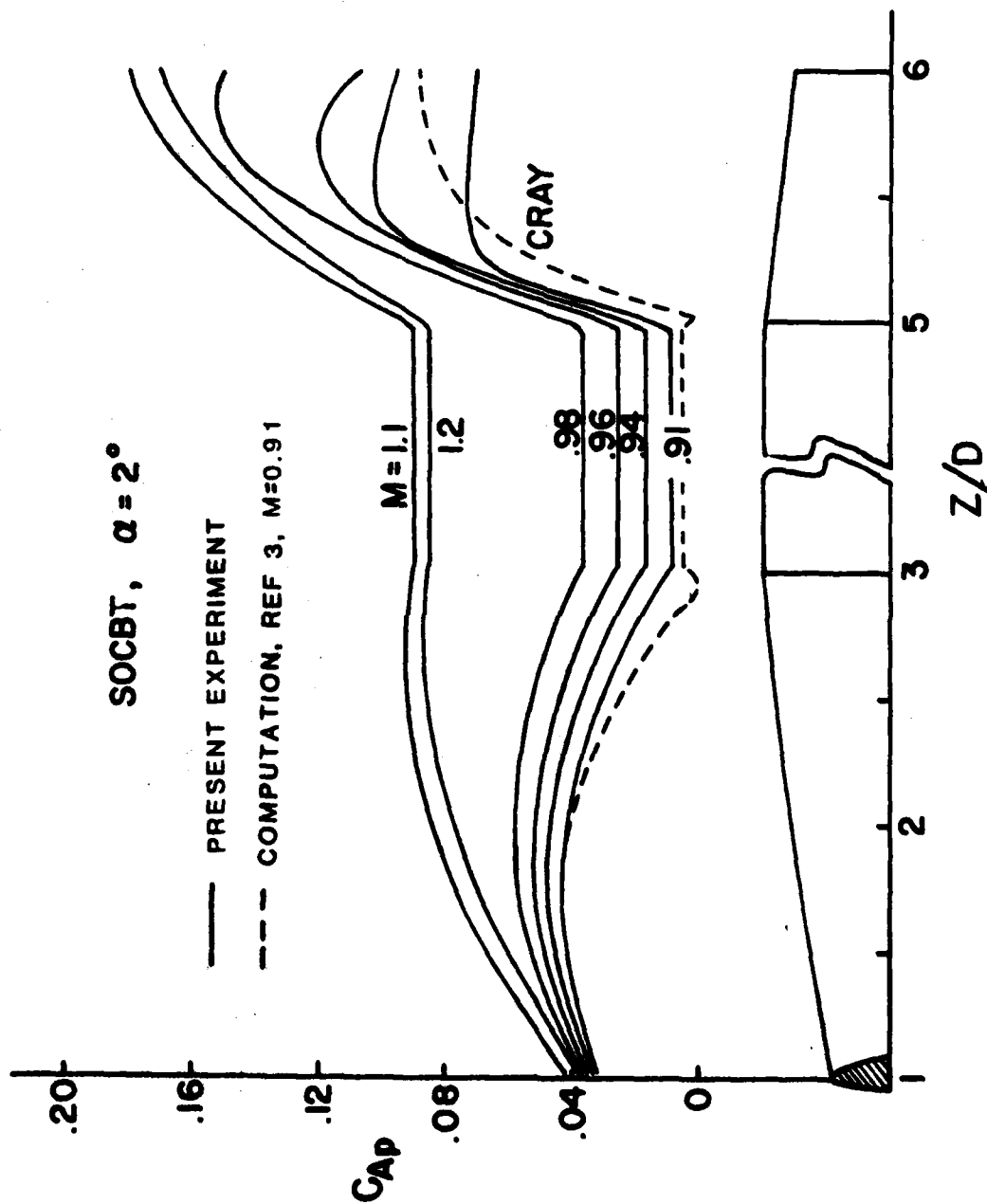
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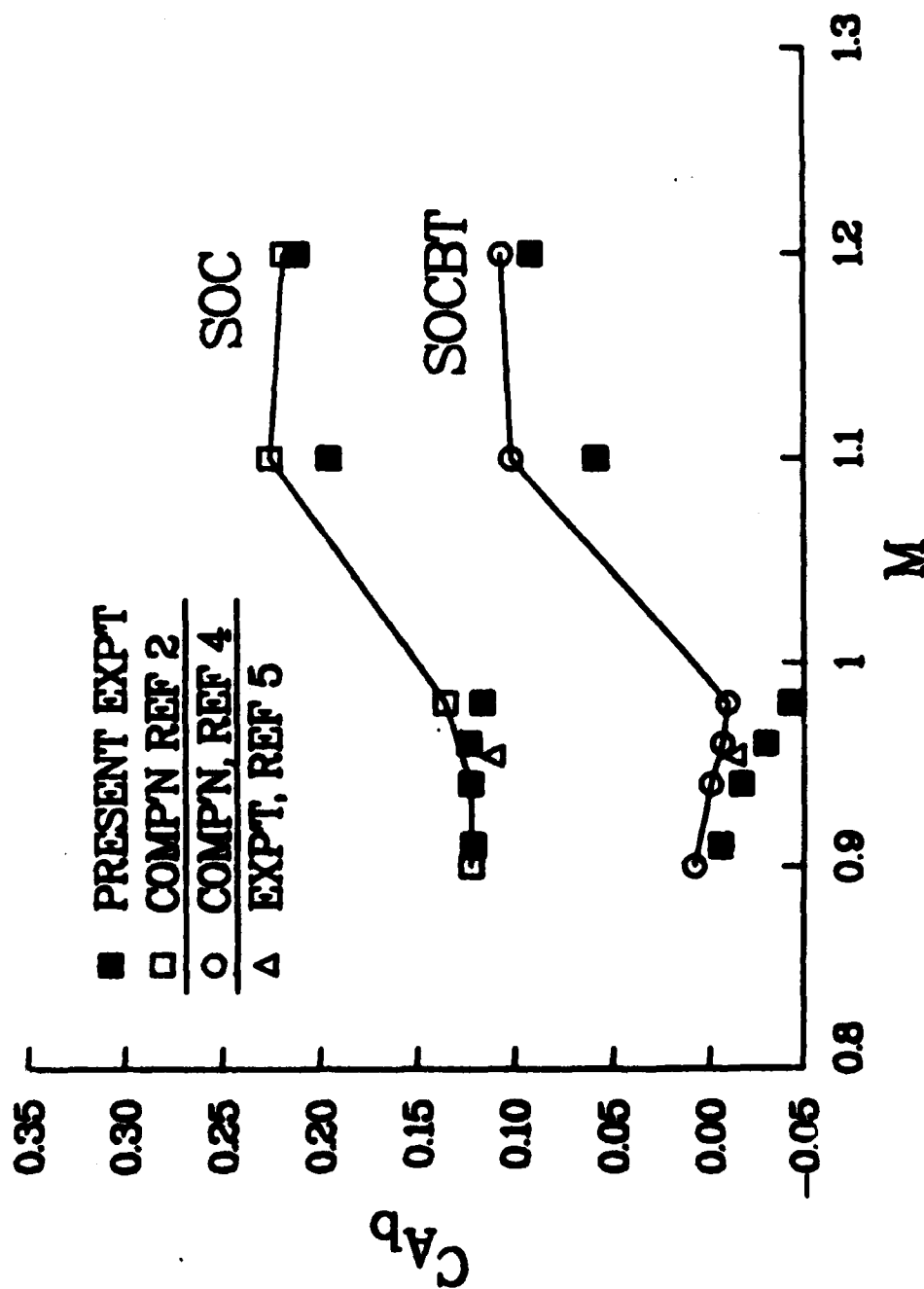
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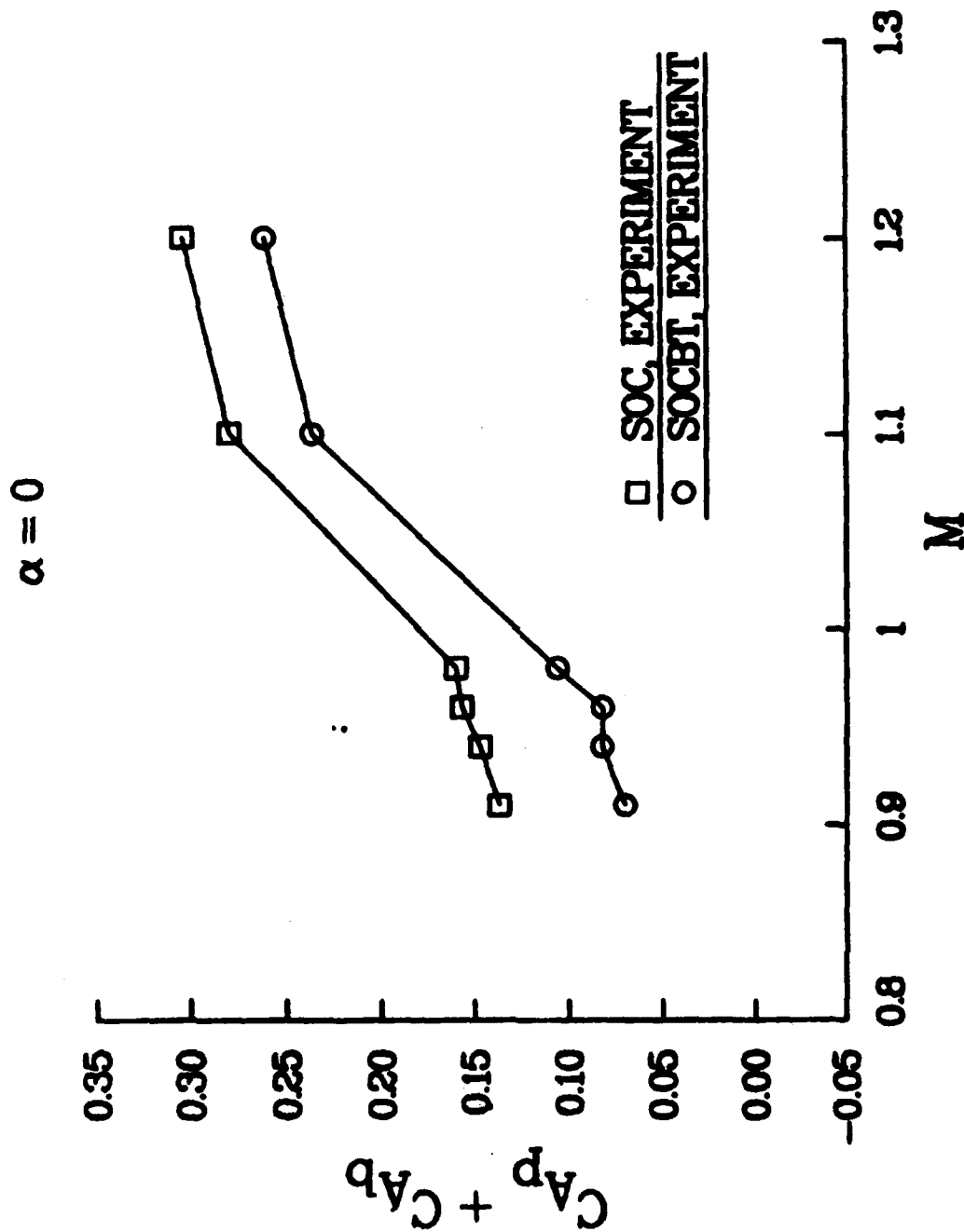
Figure 8. Variation of Axial Force Coefficient with Mach Number

TABLE 1. AVERAGED BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENT DATA

SOC

M	alpha= 0°	2°	4°	6°	10°
.91	-.121	-.136	-.154	-.169	-.207
.94	-.122	-.138	-.156	-.172	-.211
.96	-.123	-.140	-.158	-.175	-.216
.98	-.116	-.133	-.153	-.169	-.212
1.10	-.195	-.209	-.224	-.245	-.299
1.20	-.211	-.224	-.239	-.258	-.314

SOCBT

M	alpha= 0°	2°	4°	6°	10°
.91	.011	.013	.006	-.014	-.054
.94	.029	.031	.023	.009	-.031
.96	.052	.054	.046	.030	-.003
.98	.076	.076	.066	.052	.000
1.10	-.102	-.109	-.130	-.160	-.224
1.20	-.160	-.165	-.171	-.196	-.256

TABLE 2. BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENT DATA

SOC

M=0.91

alph	phi=0°	22.5°	45.0°	67.5°	90.0°	112.5°	135.0°	157.5°	180.0°
0°	-.122	-.119	-.121	-.122	-.122				
2°	-.098	-.102	-.123	-.135	-.140	-.144	-.167	-.164	-.156
4°	-.109	-.122	-.146	-.156	-.158	-.165	-.184	-.173	-.168
6°	-.133	-.148	-.167	-.174	-.170	-.175	-.191	-.179	-.178
10°	-.183	-.199	-.212	-.215	-.210	-.212	-.207	-.208	-.209

M=0.94

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.122	-.119	-.122	-.122	-.123				
2	-.100	-.105	-.126	-.137	-.142	-.144	-.169	-.163	-.155
4	-.111	-.124	-.150	-.159	-.161	-.166	-.187	-.174	-.169
6	-.136	-.151	-.170	-.177	-.173	-.177	-.194	-.180	-.179
10	-.186	-.203	-.216	-.219	-.214	-.217	-.214	-.211	-.213

M=0.96

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.122	-.120	-.124	-.125	-.125				
2	-.103	-.108	-.130	-.140	-.146	-.142	-.174	-.163	-.154
4	-.113	-.126	-.154	-.163	-.164	-.166	-.190	-.175	-.170
6	-.139	-.154	-.174	-.181	-.176	-.178	-.198	-.183	-.181
10	-.190	-.207	-.220	-.222	-.218	-.222	-.219	-.216	-.218

M=0.98

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.113	-.112	-.116	-.118	-.119				
2	-.096	-.101	-.122	-.132	-.140	-.146	-.169	-.154	-.144
4	-.107	-.121	-.147	-.157	-.158	-.167	-.185	-.167	-.162
6	-.132	-.148	-.167	-.174	-.171	-.178	-.193	-.174	-.173
10	-.183	-.201	-.209	-.217	-.216	-.223	-.218	-.213	-.208

M=1.10

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.190	-.189	-.193	-.209					
2	-.178	-.184	-.203	-.220		-.211	-.236	-.223	-.219
4	-.190	-.193	-.222	-.233		-.228	-.255	-.238	-.234
6	-.221	-.224	-.249	-.255		-.248	-.265	-.247	-.248
10	-.291	-.290	-.306	-.314		-.319	-.314	-.307	-.248

M=1.2

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.206	-.208	-.219						
2	-.202	-.207	-.224				-.251	-.233	-.229
4	-.212	-.223	-.247				-.264	-.245	-.243
6	-.241	-.250	-.273				-.268	-.257	-.260
10	-.302	-.308	-.319				-.324	-.313	-.316

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TABLE 2. BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENT DATA (continued)

SOCBT

M=0.91

alph	phi=0°	22.5°	45.0°	67.5°	90.0°	112.5°	135.0°	157.5°	180.0°
0	.007				.014				.013
2	.024	.022	.018	.015	.014	.014	.009	.001	-.003
4	.019	.015	.009	.004	.005	.008	-.002	-.009	-.014
6	.005	.001	-.015	-.017	-.015	-.012	-.021	-.027	-.023
10	-.027	-.041	-.054	-.056	-.060	-.067	-.065	-.065	-.052

M=0.94

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	.024				.032				.030
2	.042	.041	.037	.034	.033	.032	.026	.020	.016
4	.039	.036	.027	.024	.025	.027	.016	.010	.007
6	.028	.021	.004	.004	.008	.004	-.002	-.008	.001
10	-.003	-.019	-.028	-.032	-.039	-.045	-.041	-.041	-.030

M=0.96

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	.047				.065				.054
2	.064	.063	.059	.056	.055	.055	.049	.042	.039
4	.061	.058	.049	.047	.048	.050	.040	.034	.031
6	.051	.044	.029	.028	.032	.027	.020	.016	.026
10	.022	.012	.002	-.007	-.012	-.017	-.013	-.011	-.003

M=0.98

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	.078				.077				.074
2	.086	.084	.081	.078	.076	.074	.073	.071	.063
4	.083	.072	.069	.064	.069	.067	.064	.057	.053
6	.070	.063	.050	.047	.056	.050	.047	.043	.040
10	.031	.012	-.005	.004	-.006	-.015	-.014	-.006	.000

M=1.10

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.104				-.100				-.104
2	-.094	-.095	-.103	-.108	-.110	-.111	-.116	-.122	-.126
4	-.100	-.107	-.122	-.133	-.134	-.134	-.143	-.148	-.150
6	-.120	-.133	-.165	-.166	-.159	-.170	-.181	-.185	-.163
10	-.188	-.200	-.226	-.230	-.235	-.241	-.236	-.234	-.225

M=1.20

alph	phi=0	22.5	45.0	67.5	90.0	112.5	135.0	157.5	180.0
0	-.168				-.151				-.162
2	-.142	-.145	-.151	-.158	-.164	-.171	-.183	-.186	-.186
4	-.138	-.146	-.169	-.172	-.171	-.178	-.187	-.190	-.186
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10	-.223	-.244	-.260	-.268	-.268	-.269	-.267	-.254	-.254

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

A_b = base area

A_{cyl} = cylinder cross sectional area (reference area)

C_A = axial force coefficient

C_{A_b} = base axial force coefficient

C_{A_p} = forebody axial force coefficient obtained from integration of pressure data, viscous forces excluded

C_{p_b} = base pressure coefficient, $(p_b - p_\infty)/q_\infty$

M = Mach number

SOC = Secant ogive-cylinder, Figure 1 geometry with a 0° boattail angle

SOCBT = Secant ogive-cylinder-boattail, see Figure 1

Z = longitudinal position on the model axis, measured from the nose tip

α = angle of attack, degrees

ϕ = model roll orientation, $\phi = 0°$ is along the most windward ray, e.g., $\phi = 0°$ is at 6 o'clock when looking at the base of a model at positive angle of attack.

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